

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle having a seat portion spaced apart with load supporting surfaces ~~characterized in that it includes~~ comprising a nose portion (9) extending forwardly from the seat portion (2) between the supporting surfaces and which is longitudinally flexible and laterally rigid.
2. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 1 ~~characterised in wherein that~~ the nose portion (9) is resiliently connected to the seat portion (2).
3. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 2 ~~characterised in wherein that~~ the connection is provided by a spring plate (4) extending between the nose portion (9) and seat portion (2).
4. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 2 ~~characterised in wherein that~~ the connection provides a hinge between the nose portion(9) and seat portion (2).
5. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle is defined in claim 2 ~~characterised in wherein that~~ the resilience is provided at least in part by a tension spring (10) between the nose portion (9) and seat portion (2).
6. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 5 ~~characterised in wherein that~~ adjustment means (11) are provided to vary the tension in the spring.
7. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 6 ~~characterised in wherein that~~ the adjustment means is a screw (11) engaging one end of the tension spring (10).

8. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in ~~any one of the claims 3 to 7~~ ~~claim 3 characterised in wherein~~ that the spring plate (4) is secured to the under surfaces of the nose portion (9) and seat portion (2) and forms the hinge between these portions.

9. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in ~~any one of the preceding~~ ~~claims characterized in claim 3 wherein~~ that the end of the nose portion (9) contiguous to the seat portion (2) is rebated into the seat portion.

10. (original) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 1 in which the saddle components are integrally moulded from synthetic resin materials.

11. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle substantially as ~~described and illustrated in Figures 1 to 3, 4 and 5 or 6 and 7 defined in claim 4 wherein the spring plate is secured to the under surfaces of the nose portion and seat portion and forms the hinge between these portions.~~